

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-103 (Cancelled).

104 (Currently Amended). A polypeptide that binds to NIK, consisting of:

(a) the intracellular domain of cyc (residues 284-369 SEQ ID NO: 22);

~~(b) a fragment of (a) that retains the ability to bind NIK;~~

~~(c) (b) a variant of (a) or (b) maintaining at least 95% identity with a) or b) (a) and retaining the ability to bind NIK; or~~

(c) a fragment of (a) or (b) that retains the ability to bind NIK; or

(d) a salt or functional derivative of (a), (b) or (c) that retains the ability to bind NIK, said functional derivative being an ester or aliphatic amide of the carboxyl group of the polypeptide or an N-acyl derivative of a free amino group of the polypeptide, or an O-acyl derivative of a free hydroxyl group of the polypeptide.

105 (Currently Amended). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of 41MDD (residues 329-369 of SEQ ID NO: 22).

106 (Currently Amended). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of ICDcyc (residues 284-369 of SEQ ID NO: 22).

107 (Currently Amended). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of the polypeptide of residues 289-369 of SEQ ID NO: 22.

108 (Currently Amended/Withdrawn). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 23.

109 (Currently Amended/Withdrawn). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 25.

110 (Currently Amended/Withdrawn). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 26.

111 (Currently Amended/Withdrawn). A polypeptide in accordance with claim 104, ~~comprising~~ consisting of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 27.

112-119 (Cancelled).